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Committee for the ensuing year, and for

the Transaction of General Business







went into the garden, and smoked pipe after pipe. I was in a hideous state of indecision as to what to do. Should I write to my cousin 'Your child is being ill-treated,' or should I have it out with the nurse?

Towards tea-time I found my steps wandering again to the nursery. I shall be refused entrance, when I overheard that the infant was being dressed again! This time it was in a blue and white. Flannels buttoned from the shoulders and waist gave it the appearance of a cottage loaf. There were great blue bows on its shoulders, and an enormous one in the middle of its back. Thus bedizened, it sat weeping woefully from sheer nervous exhaustion.

'You inhuman woman!' I burst out, for I could stand it no longer. 'Do you mean to say you are torturing that long-suffering infant by dressing it again? This nurse started, looked at me, and then laughed. 'For, she said, I thought you really meant it for a minute. Yes, I know, I do spoil him, bless his heart, she went on, standing the over-dressed infant up, and covering its harassed little face with wet kisses. 'But I just do it on him. Why, I believe I could dress him, and undress him a hundred times a day, I love him so.'

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

In their weekly share report, dated Friday, September 21, Messrs Benjamin, Kelly and Potts, state:—

Business has been very dull during the week and with the exception of a further rise in Hongkong Land there is no material change in rates to report.

**Bank Shares.**—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have ruled very quiet and are offering at 510 per cent. premium. The London quotation is 505, 10s. Nationals are quoted at 525.

**Marine Insurance.**—Unions are quoted for 1890 and 1891 at 1300. China Traders are obtainable at 525.

**Five Insurance.**—Hongkong Pines are a little firmer and have buyers at 524. China Pines are in request at 577.

**Shipping.**—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamships are a shade firmer and are in the market at 531. India China are firm and have buyers at 584. Douglas Steamships have dropped to 542. Star Forties are quoted at 518 and 543 for the old and new issue respectively.

**Refineries.**—China Sugars and Luzons continue neglected, and we have not heard of any business in either stock.

**Mining.**—Punions are down to 533. Rains have sellers at 553. Jelobus have declined to 583.

**Doors, Harveys and Goldmines.**—Hongkong and Shanghai Dock Trust registered at 545 per cent. premium, the market closing in demand. Kowloon Wharves are unchanged. Wanchai Warehouse have enquired at 540.

**Land, Hotels and Buildings.**—Hongkong Land have still further improved to 5170. West Point have been fixed at 521 and have further buyers. Hongkong Mills are steady at 5119. Orient Hotels have been booked at 523 and 525. The Mortgage Debentures have been reduced by 55,000 which has been paid from the earnings of the Company. Hongkong Electric are firm at 510.80. China Providents are steady at 594.

**Cigar Companies.**—La Esquivias have advanced to 30 per cent. premium.

**Cotton Mills.**—No local business quotations for the Northern Mills are unchanged.

**Miscellaneous.**—Green Island Cements have changed hands at 512. Electrics are on offer at 510.00. S. Watson are obtainable at 515. Ropes can be placed at 5170.

**An Historic Cigar.**—A Japan contemporary has the following amusing story and comment:—

Mr Knowles, registrar of births and deaths at Great Harwood, should be a happy man, inasmuch as he has secured a letter which will hereafter be of great historical value for the modest outlay involved in the purchase of a cigar for the officer who hoisted the Union Jack at Pretoria. Some months ago, it appears, Mr Knowles addressed an envelope as follows:—

'To the Officer who hoists the Union Jack (when that happy event takes place), Pretoria, South Africa.'

In the envelope Mr Knowles enclosed the cigar and the following laconic note:—

'Thanks! I love a cigar.'

Mr Knowles began to fear that his 'smoke' had gone astray, and that some Boer had enjoyed it. But last week he was gladdened and surprised to receive the following letter from the young Duke of Westminster, dated Government House, Pretoria, June 7th 1900:—

'Dear Sir:—I write to say that I was the officer who hoisted the Union Jack over Pretoria, in consequence of which I received an excellent cigar, which Lord Roberts gave to me, having been forwarded by you. Thank you both for the cigar and congratulations.—I remain, yours truly, Westminster, A.D.C., Headquarters Staff.'

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THE COSSACKS!

No wonder the foreigner finds it difficult to comprehend the exact position of the Cossacks in the Russian Army. They are not quite regular troops, nor are they really conscripts, as other Russian soldiers are conscripts. And yet Russia cannot afford to do without them, or for the matter of that, to allow them to do without her. Bally when he will, the Great Bear of Europe has to be polite to his Cossacks. Barring the fact that they are not mountaineers, the Cossacks are the Highlanders of Russia—littlegods, proud, ungovernable by anyone but their own leaders. Add the typical qualities of the Arab to those of a Scottish clansman and you have the Cossack. In the old days the Cossacks had their own elected king or president—a little of both; they called him Hetman. Now, in the nursery story and the pictures, he is a Cossack Hetman after his exciting experience.

Now, the Hetman is the Russian Throno's Hetman-General of the Cossacks. But his dignity is only nominal—the subordinate Hetmans of the Cossack classes are the real powers among the Cossack people; the chiefs of the most important clans being a sort of minor Russian kings, with the Czar for suzerain. One of the most, if not the most powerful of these chiefs is the 'Starost' Hetman of Ukraine, who is the title of 'Excellency' and the rank in the Russian Army of lieutenant-general.

The Cossacks, who live principally in the south and south-east of Russia, pay no taxes; they are exempt from military service in the Russian Army. The exemption of taxes is only one of their privileges, which include the right of free hunting, fishing, brewing, and distilling. The Russian Government also makes important subsidies to the clans for the support and appointments of their officers. Cossack functionsaries. Each Cossack is liable for military service between the ages of eighteen and fifty, and must provide his own horse. This is not a difficult task, for a foal is not set aside for the Cossack by his father at his birth, and by the time he is fourteen he is not only a superb rider, but has several horses of his own, taken from half-wild herds belonging to the clan, and broken in by himself.

The Cossack uniform is a blue coat and trousers, the former lined and faced with the colour of his clan. In the regular Cossack regiments of the Imperial Guard, the coat, however, is red. The cap is invariably of black astrakhan, the high top and soft leather, without square. His arms are a lance of bamboo without a butt and tipped with a steel point not barbed, and a yataghan, or curved sabre with no hilt or protection for the hand. Among his weapons must be counted the sword, a short handle of which is wood or whalebone. To this is hung a steel rod leather-wrapped and with an angular patch of leather at its end. A glance at the Cossack whip explains the lack of necessity for spurs. On his back, a single gash in the Cossack's saddle, his service rifle, the 'three-lino' magazine which takes by convention the same ammunition as the French Lebel.

His horse is ridden on the English and he uses a comfortable high-backed saddle, with a deep cross seat in it resembling that in a hygienic cycle saddle, but tarred the other way.

The officers of Cossack 'regiments' are, of course, always Cossacks—no others would be choiced. Typical 'cavalry' officers, dressed in deep red uniforms, and as hospitable as Turks. Wild fellows they are, though, and after a spell of garrison duty has got on their nerves, there are always Cossack detachments in Russian garrisons—they will ride amuck through the town, whooping and smashing windows with pistol shots like barbarians. Cossack regiments have no bands, unless a couple of tambores, and a 'bell' can be dignified by that title. Aided by these, the Cossacks march to the wailing minor of their own songs. Not that they are diabolical mortals; on the contrary, they are gay, vivacious, boisterous, and patient of incredible extent. By religion, they are of the Greek Church and carry with them a little wooden image of their family saint.

Three divisions account for the Cossack soldiery, those on active service, those on short furlough, and those on longer leave—in all, some 1,500,000 men. There are many Cossack towns and villages innumerable, where a little agriculture and much hunting and horse and cattle-breeding is carried on. The Russian Government keeps a regular distance from Cossack independence, and the clan chief, and military officers keep going a separate kingdom within the Russian Empire, owing only to the Great White Czar the service of the sword, and common interests bind the clans together, and over all, at moments of friction or danger, is the powerful chieftainship of the Hetman of Ukraine.

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## MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

Meeting.  
Noon.—Meeting of Members of the China Association, Hongkong Branch.

Miscellaneous.  
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## General Memoranda.

Tuesday, September 25.—  
8 p.m.—Meeting of the Hongkong & Shanghai Club.

Wednesday, September 26.—  
Noon.—Auction of Sundry Goods and Effects, by Messrs. Hughes & Heath, 245 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 10, Mountain View, the Peak.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Preceptory and Priory.  
9 p.m.—Grand Volunteer Promenade Concert, on the Parade Ground at Headquarters.

Thursday, September 27.—  
Goods per *Bombay* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Friday, September 28.—  
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of the Hongkong Hockey Club, in the Cricket Club Pavilion.

Saturday, September 29.—  
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

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## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1900.

We have already outlined, what, in our opinion, is the most satisfactory Govern-

ment to be imposed upon the Chinese, when the house of settlement comes. It

should be, on the one hand, comprised of

Chinese, who are sympathetic with radical

reformers; and, on the other, Europeans and

Americans, who are more or less conversant

with the Chinese language, customs and the

possibilities of the empire. Whilst no

ministry it should appear to the masses that

the Chinese are ruling, in reality the re-

forms to be initiated and the ideas to be

transplanted among, and adopted by the

people, should be progressive and Euro-

pean. We have pointed out that the enor-

mous state that Westerners have in the

stability of China; the enormous interest

involved in the permanence of her trade,

the large capital we have invested within her

borders, as well as other hopes in regard to

her, makes this imperative. We have

shown that it is absolutely impossible to

hope that the Manchus will, or that the

Chinese, unassisted, can establish a new

and progressive Government, such as the

times demand. Their ideas from upon it.

Their ignorance precludes it. The in-

terest of the ruling classes, for the present,

be the way, and the all-commanding law

of self-preservation urges them to walk in

the old paths. These things being so,

and they will not be gained by any

who are familiar with the facts—there re-

main only two courses open to us. We

must either die again, and blunder along

with a repetition of the everlasting friction

and gnawing feeling till some fine day

we shall wake up to be confronted with

another Boxer movement; or of a much more

serious character, which shall be plotted,

on a scheme that shall ensure its success,

or we must take the matter in our hands

and make a new start. Which shall it be?

Assuming, then, that the latter alterna-

tive will be adopted, and it is urged by all

classes of intelligent Europeans, both here

and in England, the first step to be taken,

after having banished all the determined

obstructionists of the old school, to induce

the Chinese to accept the new order of

things willingly and heartily. This should

not be a difficult task. There are thou-

sands and probably myriads of Chinese

who are stretching out their hands and

feeling their way to something better. The

recent attempt of King Yu Wei, which was

supported by the Emperor, proves this. The

attitude of the Chinese in Shanghai con-

firms the assumption that many of them

are willing to attempt something, if it

can be shown that it will be an

improvement on the present. Chinese history

is not without precedents in which

'foreigners' have been employed by the

Emperor, and all parties have been ben-

efited thereby. As long ago as the Tsin

dynasty, Shih Wong Tai (B. C. 221-209)

employed foreigners by whose assistance he

greatly increased his authority, influence

and his glory. When the Emperor was

half inclined to dispense with them, his in-

telligent minister Li Tze 'showed what a

loss it would be to the State to deprive it

of the valuable services of men of ability

who, attracted by his renown, were flocking

to him in order to be employed.' He also

pointed out that it had ever been the ob-

ject of the great men of other days to

secure men of advanced thought and ad-

vanced mind, and that their renown had

been enhanced by the employment of such

though many of them had not been natives

of the kingdoms in which they had been so

honoured. 'You get your precious things

from abroad,' he said, 'and your country

is benefited, and trade is increased, and

the prosperity of the country is advanced.

Why should you not exclude them too,

if you have made up your mind that every-

thing foreign should be expelled from your

state.' With this precedent before us it

ought not to be impossible to induce the

Chinese to follow the same course and

adopt the same methods. It is true, that

this particular Emperor is not a favourite

with the literati, because he burnt their

books. Still precedent in China goes for

much, and so to speak, has here opened up

the way.

But suppose the Chinese are unwilling to

accept such an order of things. What

then? You can take a horse to the water

but you cannot force him to drink. The

Government, if it assumes an obstinate at-

titude, must then be compelled to submit.

This is not the time for alternatives or

'different possible policies.' The order

must be, in so many words, 'You must and

you shall obey.' A prisoner, who is con-

demned for the murder of a companion,

does not hesitate in his choice between

capital punishment and penal servitude for

ten years. A creditor who is owed a large

sum of money, when he sees that it is quite

certain that he will not get it all, and

knows if he does not act at once he will

lose all, does not hesitate to compound in

order not to lose all the money that is due

to him. And he would be called a wise

man who acted in this way. So, in dealing

with China at this juncture, there is no

need to agonize much in talk. With

you accept this joint government, or will

you not? There is no use in wasting time.

If you are unwilling to accept it then we

will divide China into different provinces

and hand over the alien to the various

European States. With such a prospect

before them, they would, as in many pre-

vious instances, yield at once, and the work

would then be begun.

The question now arises—the all-impor-

tant question, in fact—whence can a suffi-

cient number of men be secured, who are so

well-versed in the Chinese language that

they can both converse fluently, and read

the usual despatches and other official

documents, and who are possessed of abili-

ties of such a character that they can and

will enter heartily upon this great scheme

of the regeneration of China, in order to

deliver this vast population from the grip

of poverty and the iron hand of persistent

mal-administration? There are at least

two classes of such scholars, who are al-

ready in China. They are found, on the

one hand, in the consulates, and on the

other, in the various mission

stations. In regard to the former, the

influence they would at once wield

would simply be a widening of the sphere

of their activity and usefulness, and as far

as we can see, no insuperable difficulty

should be encountered here. But would

missionaries be willing to leave their

seared calling, to which they have given

their lives, and for which many have re-

linquished much, to accept what, at first

sight, appears to be a secular calling?

Would their Boards and their Committees

give the necessary permission? Already

there are several illustrious examples of

those, who, to some extent, have relin-

quished the duties of field-preaching for

other positions, in which they can and do

exercise a wide influence for good. What

has been done in the past may be attempt-

ed again. We know there are some who

have declined Government offers because

they could not bring themselves to ex-

change their ministry, even though it

were arduous, and solitary, for any other

calling. Moreover 'men of the world' are

not slow to assign pecuniary motives to

those who might take such a step. But

the question before us is really a mission-

ary question, for to assist in the amelio-

ration of a people's burdens, and to provide

against the possibility of another massacre,

is a high and holy calling and one that is

well worthy of the devotion of the most

cultured minds, the best trained intellects,

and the most sympathetic and philan-

thropic hearts. Though, we are sure, that in

many cases, it would be difficult to indu-

ce men to leave their pulpits in exchange for

Chinese janyens, yet the thing is possible

what they will, it is a kind of mission work

that is most beneficent and most impor-

tant. This is a consummation, whereby the

lot of teeming millions will be alleviated,

the darkness that now enshrouds so many

of them, will be dispelled, the burdens

that now crush so many of them will be

lifted, and their lives made easier and

happier. Therefore, the work being

what it is, and well-qualified men

being to hand, no insuperable dif-

ficulties should be encountered here.

Moreover the Chinese themselves will

come forward and render us substantial

help. It would, after all, be very difficult

for Europeans to undertake this work, with-

out the assistance of competent Chinese.

These we have in abundance, and if they

are not so well trained as we could wish,

they have been trained in European lan-















